THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) to (d) Names of the companies against whom liabilities have been tentatively assessed and the relevant details thereof are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 4]. Liabilities against the remaining companies who have been served notices could not be assessed as details required for assessing the liabilities were either inadequate or not available. The matter for recovery is being pursued in accordance with the due procedure of law after the issuance of notices.

(e) and (f) The findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter are being looked into afresh in respect of the companies involved in Supreme Court case. In respect of other cases of recovery wherever assessments have been completed the companies have already been asked to deposit the amounts with the Government.

Recovery of overcharged amounts

70. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 829 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state:

(a) what is the amount recovered from the companies upto the 15th April, 1990 as reported overcharged by Food and Drug Administration authorities and by when the balance would be recovered;

(b) by when the amounts overcharged on other drugs would be determined;

(c) whether it is a fact that apart from these 10 cases, number of other cases where companies have over-charged have come to the notice of his Ministry;

(d) if so, the details of such instances and action taken in each case;

(e) whether his Ministry or FDA has worked out the amount overcharged; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) None of the companies against whom the overcharged amounts were reported by the Commissioner Food and Drug Administration have deposited any amount with the Government upto 15th April, 1990. The matter is being followed up through the State Drug Control authorities.

(b) The amounts overcharged by M/s. A. P. Chemicals in respect of Paracetamol have been determined tentatively.

(c) and (d) As and when more cases of overcharging of prices come to the notice of the Government necessary action to determine the overcharged amount would be taken.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of reply to (c) and (d) above.

Industrial sickness due to lack of marketing network

71. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major reason for sickness in small and medium scale units is lack of marketing network; and

(b) if so, what action is being contemplated to help these units to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Marketing problem is one of the causes of sickness in the industrial sector.

(b) Marketing is primarily an entrepreneurial function and small scale units have been undertaking marketing operations of their own. Keeping in view the limitations of small scale entrepreneurs however, an institutional framework has been created at Central and State levels to facilitate marketing.

Government provides a number of facilities to small scale units with a view to assist them in marketing their products under the Central Government's stores purchase programme which include issue of tender sets free of cost, exemption from payment of earnest money, waiver of security deposit up to a monetary limit for which the unit is registered, price preference up to 15 per cent over the quotations of large scale units subject to certain conditions. Besides, a MODVAT scheme has been in operation from 1986-87 to induce purchases of products manufactured by small scale indusstries opting for the scheme.

Anomalies in the Assessment of amount by the Special Team

72. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has found a number of anomelies in the assessment of amount due from drug companies by the special team;

(b) what are the names of the drugs and finished medicines for which assessment was made by the special team; and

(c) what was the amount assessed in each case and up to what date the assessment was made in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) to (c) Details of amounts tentatively assessed by the Special Team up to 31-12-1983 against some of the Companies involve in the Supreme Court case are given below:—

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Bulk drugs & formulations for which amount has been assessed	Amount tentatively assessed upto 31-12-83 Rs./lakhs
1	Cyanamid India Ltd. .	(i) Chlortetracycline (ii) Demethylchlor-tetracycline (iii) Tetracycline (iv) Hetrazan Tablets	389.06
2	Hoechst India Ltd. .	(i) Baralgon Ketone (ii) Pheniramine Maleate (iii) Pyrolledino Methyl Tetracycline (iv) Prusemide (v) Glybenclamide	458.10
3	John Wyeth & Geoffrey Manners	(i) Benzathine (ii) Penicillin & formulations	134.46 28.37
4	Ethnor Ltd.	Decaris tablets	8.15
5	Franco Indian Pharmaceuticals Ltd. & M/s. Griffon Labs.	Phenoy Methyl Penicillin formulations	11.02
6	Pfizer Ltd. .	Oxytetracyclime and formulations	48.21

A number of representations were received against the tentative amounts assessed by the Special Team against the companies involved in the Supreme Court case. It has, therefore, been decided to review the entire findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter.

Review of drug prices by Murthy Committee

73. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs and formulations for which prices were reviewed by Murthy Committee;